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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/698,213
Filed: October 30, 2000
Title: Computational Nucleic Acid Coding and Feature
Analysis
Applicant: James D. McIninch
Atty. Docket: 16517.075

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to Office Action Mailed January 13, 2003;
2. an Appointment of Associate Attorney;
3. a copy of a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including copies of the cited reference and the date-stamped postcard, as previously filed on November 9, 2000; and
4. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge

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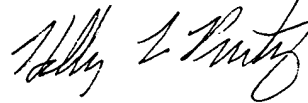
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such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.075. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Enclosures